(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Bangalore Rajdhani is proposed to run daily fron New Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) No, Sir. However, 2647/2648 Nizamuddin-Coimbatore (Weekly) Express has been diverted to run *via* Bangalore from 01.07.2001.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Daily running of Bangalore Rajdhani Express is not feasible due to operational and resource constraints.

Udhampur-Baramula rail line project

3633. MIRZA ABDUL RASHID: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) how much amount the Udhampur-Baramula rail line project in J and K would cost on completion and what is the tentative time for its completion; and

(b) how much amount has been earmarked for the year 2001-2002 for this project and the details of its progress?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) The cost of the project has been assessed as Rs. 3244 crores at 1998-99 price level. No target date has been fixed. The time for its completion would depend upon availability of resources.

(b) An amount of Rs. 100 crores has been allocated for this work during 2001-02. Work is being done in phases. In first phase, work on Udhampur-Katra (26 km.) has been taken up where earthwork, tunneling and bridge works are in progress. In phase-II, Qazigund-Baramula has been taken up where land acquisition and construction of Srinagar Station Building is in progress.

Simulators for training of train drivers

†3634. SHRI P. K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal to purchase simulators for the training of train

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

drivers with a view to check accidents due to human error, has been pending with the Railway Board for the last three years;

(b) if so, what are the main reasons therefor;

(c) whether old method is being used even today for the training of drivers for want of simulators;

(d) if so, whether Government propose to provide simulators to training centres to impart training, based on modern technology to the drivers; and

(e) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) and (b) Purchase of Simulators for augmenting the training of the train drivers is under processing for the last three years. Main reasons for delay are offers not being in conformity with the requirement, higher rates and change in technology.

(c) Indian Railways have a system of training drivers and is well established. These training efforts have now been supplemented with Simulators and at present Indian Railways have four Simulators already located at Tugalkabad, Kanpur, Bhusawal and Kharagpur, which are being used for training of drivers. Drivers from other Zonal Railways are also sent to these centres.

(d) and (e) Simulators for other training centres are to be considered depending upon the need and availability of funds.

Mechanism to check rail accidents at unmanned level crossings

3635. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of rail accidents/accidental deaths that took place year-wise, zone-wise, during last three years due to unmanned level crossings;

(b) the number of unmanned railway crossings in Andhra Pradesh;

(c) whether there is any device/mechanism, warning train drivers about location of unmanned level crossings, to ensure that accidents do not occure there;

(d) if so, the details thereof;